

Notice of Exemption

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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Kern Canyon Diversion Dam Repair and Rock Fall Maintenance Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-13744-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur in and on the banks of the Kern River, approximately 10 miles northeast of the City of Bakersfield, in north-central Kern County; in the SW ¼ of Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 30 East, USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Rio Bravo Ranch MDB&M; Latitude 35.460260, Longitude -118.780227; Assessor's Parcel Number 094-070-02-00-2.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-KER-13744-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Kern and Tule Hydro, LLC.

The Project includes activities related to construction of a rockfall fence, debris removal from the stream bed, and refurbishment of the currently inoperable diversion dam, to return function to the hydroelectric facility at the Kern Canyon Project (FERC No. 178). Prior to construction activities the site will be dewatered and a temporary river crossing will be constructed. Project activities will be conducted in work seasons over two years.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

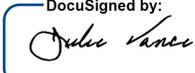
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Kern and Tule Hydro, LLC

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes activities involved in the refurbishment of an existing dam and construction of a protective rock fall fence. The Project will not result in expansion of existing or designed use and will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-13744-R4.

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